

REMARKS

On 27 December 2001, the Applicant filed two patent applications: this Application Serial No. 10/026,735 (the '735 Application) and Application Serial No. 10/026,734 (the '734 Application).

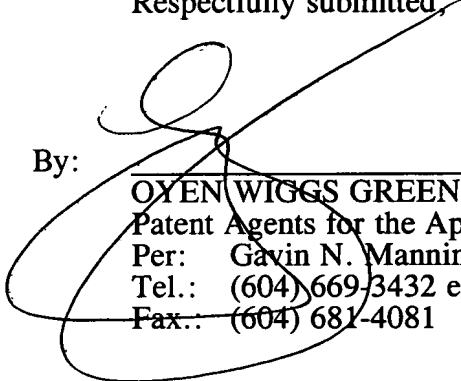
The Applicant mistakenly filed the drawings from the '734 Application with the specification for the '735 Application and the drawings from the '735 Application with the specification from the '734 Application.

The enclosed replacement drawings are the correct drawings for the '735 Application. The enclosed replacement drawings include Figures 1-4. The Specification has been amended to mention Figure 4 (which is described beginning at paragraph 35 of the Specification) in the Brief Description of the Drawings.

The Applicant submits that the enclosed replacement drawings do not constitute new matter. All of the features illustrated in the enclosed Figures 1-4 are clearly set out in the specification, as filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Description

Second full paragraph on page 5 under the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings":

In drawings which illustrate non-limiting embodiments of the invention,

Figure 1 is a block diagram of a bridge according to the invention;

Figure 2 is a flow chart which illustrates a method for forwarding data frames in a bridge having a shared forwarding database; [and,]

Figure 3 is a block diagram showing an application of the invention; and

Figure 4 is schematic illustration of an example application of a bridge according to the invention.